

Claims 1-31 are currently pending in the present application. Claims 1-19 and 27-31 are allowed and claims 20-26 are rejected.

Claims 20-26 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-15 of U.S. Patent No. 6,703,514. In response to the obviousness-type double patenting rejection, Applicants submit herewith a terminal disclaimer filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.321. Applicants respectfully submit that the obviousness-type double patenting rejections have been overcome and should therefore be withdrawn.

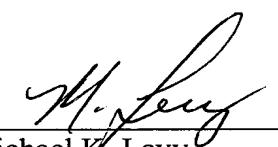
In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the rejections are overcome and the pending claims are in condition for immediate allowance. If there are any questions relating to the instant application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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